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What People Are Saying about Mayor Ballard's Energy Security Plan

Calling it a vital national security issue, Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard signed Executive Order #6 on December 12, 2012, making Indianapolis the first city in the nation to mandate the purchasing of electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles for the city's non-police fleet.

Here's what people are saying:

U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar praised the energy initiative announced by Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard:

"When I introduced the Lugar Practical Energy Plan (<http://lugar.senate.gov/energy/plan/index.cfm>) in June 2011 it was my hope that governments and businesses would be incentivized to increase efficiency and reduce the need for foreign oil. Such steps save money, cut emissions – particularly important in urban areas, and reduce U.S. military costs of protecting shipping lanes and the flow of oil from foreign countries that are volatile and often don't mean us well. As a Marine, Mayor Ballard understands fully the national security threat to our nation from foreign energy dependency and I commend his energy initiative for the City of Indianapolis."

U.S. Conference of Mayors CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran:

"Every day mayors are deploying new energy technologies and other energy solutions. Mayor Ballard's commitment to zero petroleum fleets is another example of this mayoral leadership. To re-power our cities and our nation, we need to modernize our infrastructure now to reduce our dependence on oil for the future."

Energy Systems Network President and CEO Paul Mitchell:

"Indianapolis has a long history as leading the way in electric drive technology from developing GM's EV1, first electric vehicle, to Allison's hybrid buses and more recently deploying 200 charging station through Project Plug-IN. Mayor Ballard's commitment to a fully electrified fleet by 2025 will ensure that Indianapolis remains a center of innovation for years to come while serving as a model of fleet efficiency for communities around the world."

Thomas R. Kuhn. President, Edison Electric Institute:

"On behalf of the Edison Electric Institute, the association of [U.S. Shareholder-Owned Electric Companies](#), and our members, I would like to applaud Mayor Greg Ballard and the City of Indianapolis for taking this bold step in addressing a vital national security issue. His vision for a stronger, more independent America should be a beacon for our leaders across the nation. Using domestically produced electricity to fuel a range of both on-road and off-road transportation applications will be an integral part of the transition from the volatility of foreign markets, as well as increase our nation's fuel diversification. As with any large-scale transformation, change will occur incrementally, but Mayor Ballard's commitment to this initiative will do much to advance these important national goals and ensure the economic and environmental benefits reach citizens as soon as possible."

Simon Property Group SVP of Energy and Procurement George Caraghiaur:

"We believe that a well-developed EV charging infrastructure is going to be key to the success of EVs. Meeting the needs of the first-to-market drivers of electric vehicles in the communities we serve is yet another example of our commitment to sustainability."

IU Health Vice President of Supply Chain, Design and Construction Joe Arruda:

"For more than a year, IU Health has been using electric vehicles -- and other green initiatives for years -- to both reduce the health system's carbon footprint and to reinvest energy savings back into patient care. Together, with the city's initiative, we hope we can make Indianapolis a plugged-in and more environmentally-conscious city."

Apparatus Chief Technology Officer Ben Frame:

"Apparatus is proud to be part of a community dedicated to alternative energy solutions. Through our love for cutting-edge technology and advocacy for electric vehicles, we are committed to green initiatives that make Indianapolis a better place to live and work."

Electric Drive Transportation Association President Brian Wynne:

"The City of Indianapolis today becomes a leader on the road to sustainable mobility with a commitment to electrifying their fleet. Electric drive technology allows fleet operators to obtain a greater certainty in pricing, reduce overall fuel costs and improve the air quality for local communities. Indianapolis will serve as an important model for other cities also looking to achieve these important goals."

General Motors Director for Advanced Vehicle Commercialization Policy Britta Gross:

"We appreciate the leadership being shown by the City of Indianapolis. We agree it's important for cities to look at their transportation needs and consider the energy, environmental and potentially significant fuel savings of moving to electrified vehicles, such as the Chevrolet Volt extended-range electric vehicle. In terms of fuel savings, we know Volt owners visit a gas station only about once a month and typically drive about 900 miles before refueling their gas tanks."

To learn more about Mayor Ballard's post-oil transportation plans, visit www.indy.gov/IndyEnergySecurity.